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Winter is coming, but there's still time until you'd be forgiven for tucking your boat away under the covers for some hibernation. Just like the past 15 years, we're going to be here throughout the colder months doing what we love – boating. It might be too cold to be on the water, but that shouldn't keep your mind off boating. Use the time to go watch a wakeboarding competition; book a weekend away on a houseboat; take your kids fishing or book a charter with the boys. There will always be so much to see and do that there's no excuse to not be around boats all year.

We love boating and all the subcategories involved, so this month we find out 'what's up' with Stand Up Paddleboarding and how this sport is becoming so popular with beach-goers and especially boaters. No doubt you've already seen a paddleboarder out on the water, but if you're looking to get involved with the sport but aren't sure what board to get, make sure you read our article up ahead in this magazine.

There's much, much more coming up as you flip over the pages, so I suggest getting comfy on your favourite reading chair – and make sure your tablet is fully charged if you're one of our digital readers.

- Happy boating!

- Dean



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NITRO

Burn Industries' Nitro Vest, available in red, yellow and blue, is a top-of-the-line watersports vest and is a favourite among the pros. Equipped with thick moulded padding to protect from impacts on the water or onto your jetski, this vest will keep you safe and secure! The easy to wear side-entry vest includes a waist buckle to give you that added support. Look good while feeling confident and safe!

Why we like it? With a Nitro vest the rider is protected from hard impacts and will be kept buoyant, all while looking sleek and professional.

Price: R595

Contact: Boating International Johannesburg on (011) 452 8280 or Boating International Cape Town on (021) 511 0220.



GUARD YOUR NOGGIN

To preserve the most vital bits of your body, your brain cells, through hard bails and the possibility of head butting obstacles such as rails, ramps or your own board, some protection is needed. Enter the Foosee Comp Helmet – probably the sickest helmet available at the moment. It comes with a high-density ABS outer shell, a sweat-saver terry cloth liner and a great look. After all, the first step in riding like Tom Foosee is looking like Tom Foosee!

Why we like it? If it works for Tom Foosee, it works for us.

Price: R1 800

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RAD REAR VIEW

The PTM Edge Mirror VR-140 Pro offers unparalleled viewable range (140-degrees) and clarity via prescription grade optics. For the first time ever, the boat driver can follow a skier or wakeboarder from port to starboard inside of one uninterrupted high-definition, high-resolution mirror. The premium mirror is housed in a UV-resistant engineered polymer housing. The spherical tension socket provides infinite positioning for superior stability in the roughest waters.

Why we like it? This eliminates the need for a spotter. Now the skipper can monitor the rider without constantly having to crane their neck.

Price: R4 495

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POLARISED SUNNIES

Barrier Eyewear has a comprehensive range of polarised sunglasses for those fishermen looking to eliminate the glare. Barrier's polarised lenses feature a special filtering layer that blocks out reflected light from below and glare from above. By allowing in only direct light, this lens maximises your ability to see what you want to see while eliminating glare and reflection that obscures your vision. But, if you're not too worried about eye protection and are just looking to make a fashion statement, they have a range of non-polarised, stylish eyewear too.

Why we like it? When we go fishing we like to be able to see the fish when approaching the boat, a good pair of polarised shades allows this.

Price: R299

Contact: Honda Marine Somerset West on (021) 851 7710.





ULTIMATE RACER AND AIRHEAD ROPE COMBO

Grab the entire family, and gun the throttle with Connelly's Ultimate Racer! This tube series was developed for the experienced rider – those willing to step out and take their tubing experience to the next level. Sit cockpit style or kneel in a chariot position to take advantage of smooth water or large wakes. The Ultimate Racer is a three-rider, fully covered, performance tube for intermediate to aggressive riders.

AIRHEAD BUNGEE TUBE TOW ROPE

Add a little extra zing and excitement to your tubing! This 50 ft tube rope has a bungee cord spliced inside. It's rated at 1880 kg tensile strength, conforming to WSIA recommendations for one-to-four rider tubes. You'll enjoy brief surges of speed as the bungee stretches and contracts. It reduces wear and tear on tubes and riders too, by absorbing sudden jerks from slack in the line. A Rope Keeper is included for convenient storage.

Why we like it? With an extreme tube such as this one simply needs to have an extreme rope, and the Ultimate Racer and Airhead Bungee rope go together perfectly for those seeking an adrenaline fix!

Price: Combo Price – R5 995

Contact: Boating International Johannesburg on (011) 452 8280 or Boating International Cape Town on (021) 511 0220.

LINK-8 FOR THE WIN

Lowrance's new mounted Link-8 VHF radios are full-function, fixed mount 25-watt Digital Selective Calling (DSC) units for the cost conscious. Packed with features and functionality, these radios are completely waterproof (IPx7 rating) – including the microphone which has six quick keys for easy operation. Equipped with memory retention, the radio logs up to 10 distress calls and 20 individual DSC calls. Man-overboard and Track Your Buddy are also vital safety features. It also comes standard with NMEA 2000® and NMEA0183 connectivity.

Why we like it? A good, reliable VHF is arguably the most vital piece of equipment on your boat when you go out to sea, and the Link-8 is arguably the best on the market right now.

Price: R6 289.50

Contact: Lowrance South Africa on (031) 368 6649 or visit www.lowrance.co.za



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EDGE

The Edge is a true package of racing and touring. The displacement hull leads to a flat bottom deck for a clean water release. The smooth in-step deck allows for a lower centre of gravity to create more control while paddling. The Carbon Kevlar model comes with high-end, extra padded board bag for extra protection and longevity. This board is 14 ft long and has a volume of 306 L.

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The displacement hull that flows into an accentuated V gives you the glide you expect and the width provides the comfort you desire. Take a step back and turn on a dime or keep her steady and straight to explore the waters ahead. With added stability your touring options will increase and each paddle session will become an exploration and adventure. As with the Edge, the Carbon Kevlar model comes with high-end, extra padded board bag for extra protection and longevity. This board is 12 ft 6' long and has a volume of 332 L.

Why we like it? SUP is all the rage at the moment and you're missing out. While you're getting a board, why not get the best one? Coreban's Edge and Vision boards are in a class of their own.

Price: R8 000

Contact: Muizenberg (021) 709 0596, Tableview (021) 556 7269, Durban (074) 134 1232.



Targa

38 Open



Words and pictures **Dean Castle**

This is the boat that not only sets the benchmark, but in fact defines the very elements of what a modern luxury power cruiser should be. The Fairline Targa 38 is renowned for its scintillating performance and handling, clean contemporary styling, and large, luxuriously equipped living areas. It's fully equipped to be the perfect sports cruiser, but how would it fare here in South Africa? The Editor takes a short stroll down memory lane in reviewing this 2015 model.



The Targa 38 has been one of the fastest-selling models in Fairline's impressive range and even won the prestigious 'European Powerboat of the Year' for 2007 in the 30 to 40-ft category. It's not surprising though, because since the first Targa took the market by storm back in the early 1980s, the company's game-plan has been evolution rather than revolution. A heritage like that is the absolute cornerstone to making the best even better and should put it top of any list for someone looking to buy a luxury power cruiser. It comes as no surprise that the new 2015 model looks just like the Targas before it. Get up close, however, and this boat's fresh new design elements announce themselves with taller side screens, a razor-sharp radar arch and

natural ports cut into the boat's topsides. What's important to note is that, being built in Australia, Fairline boats are designed to be equally at home cruising along the coast or leading the pack in open waters. Think of it as a sports utility vessel that international journalists call "a perfectionist's attitude to outdoor life". The Targa 38 is available in the standard and Open options. To avoid possible confusion, the standard has no roof to the cockpit, just the elegant radar arch and bimini top - while the Open has a retractable roof, which allows a view of the skies whenever the mood strikes. For this review, we'll be focusing on the Open model which has a multitude of benefits. Made from canvas, the roof can be completely opened for

true al fresco living, and I find it also makes the cockpit quieter from general boat noise, where full hard tops tend to resonate sound as you cruise. The Targa 38 offers sporting performance and handling, practical space and comfort for entertaining, generous accommodation for longer trips and superb attention to detail.

Deck layout

Fairline has always been at the forefront of luxury. In each and every one of their boats, there's no such thing as 'a little bit' special. The Targa 38 Open fits in perfectly with the company's name and ethos in providing top quality and attention to detail.

The vast cockpit, while extravagant, manages to appear as minimalist. Packed



with detail and high-end specifications, you can see that this Fairline is made to be enjoyed by all – especially the skipper. The dash features all the instruments and gauges you could want, exactly where you need them.

On the exterior, Fairline have extended the bathing platform out and around the quarters to make boarding easy, even with a tender mounted there. The swim platform on our review craft is electronically operated to lower in the water, so look forward to getting to play on a tender or PWC for some fun while your Targa is anchored off the local beach.

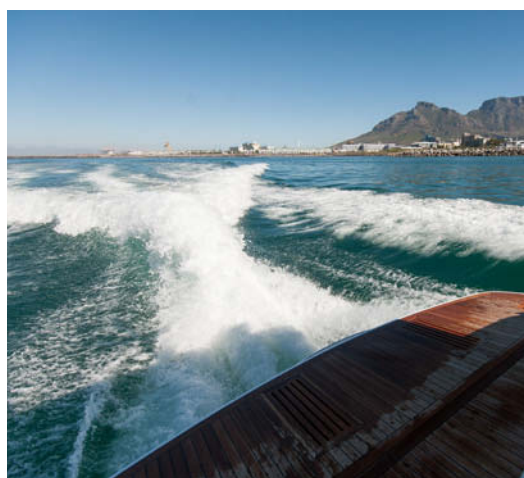
Downstairs, passengers are in for a real treat. Similar to previous Targas, this 38 Open features sleeping for up to six passengers in ultra-comfy upholstery. Wide

windows on the side of the hull and the addition of the optional skylights allow ambient light to beam in, keeping the interior airy and adding to the roominess. There is a plethora of extras you can add to customise this craft to your exact tastes – from the colour of the cushioning and wood cabinetry, to the choice of TVs and air-conditioning. But no matter your choice, one thing is standard – a well-designed saloon for maximum living comfort. Storage and workspaces are plentiful so look forward to preparing the end-of-the-day G&T's with ease.

Taking their traditional positions fore and aft of the saloon are the two cabins. Access to the impressively roomy shower, toilet and basin compartment is allowed through an entrance in the saloon as well

as a second, private entrance from the master cabin. The aft berthing features twin single beds for your children, or if you're entertaining, this Targa offers the option for the beds to be moved together to become a double bed for your guests.

For me, the standout feature of the Targa 38 is that it is just so well laid out. It is evident that years of experience and months of designing has gone into making an interior which feels much larger than it actually is. Having said that, one aspect which you may not even notice is that, since the Targa is designed to be sleek and sexy, the head-height in the saloon is a little less than in comparable boats. You'd never say so though, and I only came to this realisation in trying to really find just one thing about this boat that doesn't have



the competition beaten. The ceiling height is roughly 1.9 metres in height – but even if you're close, don't take too much from it as you'll really be spending all day, every day outside in the sun rather than below deck.

Performance

Being onboard the Targa 38 is somewhat nostalgic for me. Mid-last year I was fortunate enough to take the 2014 model to Dassen Island off the West Coast, and with nearly a two-hour cruise, I became very well accustomed to what this hull is capable of. The 2015 Targa 38 maintains its beautiful handling and the deep-V hull plays the part of being a grand tourer. While the power and handling of this boat makes it feel smaller than its 38 feet, the comfiness of the ride makes this hull feel much bigger. This is a big boat, of course, and weighing in excess of 7.5 tons (dry), with 636 litres of fuel and 296 litres of freshwater capacity, expect this Targa to be extremely commanding on the ocean, ready to take on the toughest swell. Of course, not all owners are going to be

heading to faraway islands from South Africa, but if you're in Cape Town and fancy a quick blast around to the sandy shores of Clifton beach for lunch with the family, the Targa 38 is the perfect craft for doing exactly that. The hull is super responsive to the helm and throttle, and while in my opinion she's probably a little happier and more efficient above 20 knots than below, she's a soft and smooth ride at all speeds.

The Targa 38 is made to be a precision instrument, so don't be surprised that she can really handle turns. If you want to bring out the sports side of this luxury cruiser and put it through some corners you probably wouldn't do with some speed boats, then give it a go and get ready to be amazed. This is anything but a wet boat; but the sharp bow piercing through the water can kick up some spray in a head wind – but don't fear, the clear side-screens show their worth in truly protecting you from the elements in all conditions.

All Fairline boats are built to last, so be confident that this extremely strong hull and its excellent design gives probably the

best handling of any comparable boat in its class. Min in this 38's twin 400 HP turbo Volvo Penta's, capable of up to 34.5 knots, and you've got a boat that not only looks fantastic, but rides brilliantly too.

Conclusion

The Fairline 38 Open, with its sophisticated retractable roof design, is a Targa at its best when you've got the roof back and sun streaming in. There's a reason each owner is a proud one. They know that their Targa is part of a world-renowned range that sets the benchmark for the modern power cruiser.

Is this the best Targa yet? Possibly, but the question itself is neither here nor there. The simple fact is that this is yet another impressive Targa, and its perfectionist attitude to onboard life makes it the best boat in its class – without exception.

Pricing of Fairline's Targa 38 Open starts at R4.3 million, Ex-factory.

For more information contact the exclusive importers, Boating World, on (021) 418 0840 or visit their luxury offices in Cape Town or Durban. **LB**

A SIDE NOTE

Derrick Levy is excited to announce their first sale of the new Fairline Shadow Sport (S) which made its highly anticipated world debut at the London Boat Show this year. Throughout the boat's exterior, special edition design touches contrast burnt orange upholstery, orange lighting, and an orange version of the iconic Fairline shield with carbon, graphite and titanium, including graphite hardtop and navigation equipment and a titanium coloured deck. Powered by Volvo D6 400 engines, the Shadow S is capable of reaching the fastest speeds of any Fairline to date. Pricing from R5.4 million Ex-factory. Get all the details about her in the next edition.





AXIS

A22

Axis is the brand that forever changed the wakecraft industry. It's Malibu's subsidiary brand, but Axis made the watersports community stop and take note as it has allowed more boaters onto the water to ride the sickest wakes, at probably the sweetest price.

Words and photos **by Dean Castle**

You would think that for a boat company to create and produce its own competitor, at almost half the price, would be fiscal suicide – but make no mistake, the Axis lineup has taken the company from strength to strength. What's truly remarkable for me, however, is that while the Axis range is arguably the most cost-effective wakecraft on the market, it doesn't sacrifice the attributes of a high-end watersports wake-maker.

A completely new boat from the hull up, Axis's A22 is a total overhaul of the original A22 which was this company's first-ever model to hit the water in 2009 and make serious waves throughout the boating fraternity. For 2015, this boat has been reimagined from bow to stern, and the changes are good. Really good.





Deck layout

Even the best athletes would love this craft for its perfect, solid wake; but that's not all – the clean lines and aggressive styling is what really seals the deal in making this boat look the part of a world-class wakecraft. Apart from its extremely striking exterior, the A22 is plush and roomy on the inside with a 2.59 metre beam and offers comfortable seating for up to 15 of your wake-loving buddies.

On the latest model, the A22 features the company's new AW15 wake tower, a redesigned interior, deeper storage, a neat walk-through to the bow, and a variety of cosmetic improvements. One way the company is able to make the Axis so affordable is that the customisation of upgrades is left to you to choose what you do or don't want. While there is a long list of optional extras, the A22 is equipped with

more than enough amenities in its base fare.

Among the upgrade options you'll really want is the Zero-Off GPS controlled cruise for strong, consistent pulls, as well as the ultra high-quality WetSounds speakers and amps for a booming sound to get the party going.

Inside, it's evident that the Axis is all about getting people onto the water and having fun. The wraparound lounge is simple and traditional when you need it to be, or you can flip up the seats to ensure passengers can face the action behind the boat.

Like the stern, the bow is massive and spacious. As always, a bow filler cushion can be inserted to give the girls upfront a huge tanning sunpad; and if you're cruising back when the day starts to cool off, just slide in the insert at the walk-through passage and completely seal off the cockpit.

A more than generous size swim platform is found at the transom and features an access panel for you to be able to adjust two pins which will pump up the wakes to a size that'll make any rider's palms a little clammy. While quick and easy, you can opt for the wedge to be electronically operated.

At the helm, everything on the A22's dash is very simple and effective. Each gauge has a hood so it's easy to see in any light, the toggle switches are simple and reliable and the throttle is crisp and responsive. Everything is exactly where you want it and there's nothing you don't need on an Axis dash, which is part of what makes the A22 such great value for money, and such a pleasure to skipper.

Performance

Like any inboard towboat, the Axis A22 is most at home on any non-tidal waterway.



Gauteng boaters aren't hard-pressed for options, ranging from the Vaal River to Harties, but since we got to review this boat in Cape Town, it was a hands-down decision for the best local waterspot – the magnificent and scenic Quaggaskloof Dam just outside Worcester. Nestled between the mountains, this boating paradise would become the new home for our Hulk – a monster green and black Axis.

Endless wakes and waves are a standard stand-out feature with the all-new A22. With a new wake-and-wave-maximising hull, this aggressive craft is built to create the perfect playground for all riders of all skill levels. Another optional extra I can't over-emphasise having is Malibu's Surf-Gate.

This bit of technology is almost like black magic in the way that it can

transform your wakes without altering the ride of your boat. Ordinarily, prop wash makes it impossible to surf on one side of a wake (depending on which way your prop turns), but Surf-Gate counteracts this by deploying a wing off the side of the swim platform to displace more water – without unsettling the lateral level of the boat – keeping it much safer and much more fun to drive.

On a boat like this, top speed isn't important. It's simply not built for that type of driving style. What is important is a strong engine for a good pull. The inboard engine of the Axis for our review was adequate, even when we'd loaded it up with the full ballast and with 12 passengers. While the 5.7-litre does the job, I'd probably opt for the whole hog 6.0-litre for boundless grunt when you need it.

The boat is extremely responsive to the controls and light on the steering. Simply, it's everything you'd expect from a top-end wakecraft.

At 22 feet, this Axis is the perfect size for driving and owning; it creates pro-level wakes for a multiple of different types of riders, at a length that's still really manageable.

Conclusion

Axis Wake Research's A22 is an absolute winner. She's every bit the watersport lover's dream towboat and more – and it really doesn't hurt getting Malibu's fine heritage at almost half the price!

For more information contact Boating International - nationwide CPT on (021) 511 0220 or JHB on (011) 452 8280. **19**

6 BIZARRE BOATING SOLUTIONS

There are six items that every boater should have onboard in case of an urgent, on-the-water quick fix – some of which you would never have expected to be useful in any emergency situation, let alone boat repairs.

WORDS BY RICHARD BROWN



One of our biggest fears as boaters is to become stranded at sea. If you take the time to maintain your boat properly (learn how to in our Crucial Care Tips feature in our March edition) you are much less likely to find yourself in this kind of pinch, but it could still happen. Nowadays we have manifold modes of communication to notify someone of a serious predicament, but in the worst-case scenario these could also fail. This is where these six household items could come into play to save your behind.

The best part is, you probably already have most of them tucked away in a broom closet, pantry, or your wife's underwear drawer! Simply transfer them to your boat and leave them there – you'll thank us later.

1 Epoxy sticks

If you were to take only one thing on this list we'd recommend it be this. This stuff can perform miracles and you can use it to patch up just about anything from steel, aluminium, copper, titanium, plastic, wood, masonry, as well as gel-coated fibreglass, and if you get the right type you can even use it below the waterline. Quick and easy to use, epoxy putty hardens in minutes to a high strength and can then be machined, sawed, tapped, drilled, sanded and painted to provide a reliable and permanent repair. Each colour-coded



stick is a two part, co-extruded, polymer compound that requires no tools and is simply kneaded by hand to a uniform consistency before applying to the required area. You don't need any tools and it can be done in minutes. Simply cut off the required amount, knead it to a uniform colour, and apply it to the surface to be repaired. Done. It could get you out of a real pickle, so make sure you keep a spare stick or two onboard.



2 Potatoes

Potatoes have many uses. Mash them, fry them, bake them, or a plug a hole with them. That's right, a potato is one of the greatest fits-all-sizes plugs and therefore essential to have in an emergency situation. If a through-hull fitting breaks or the hose pops off and the fitting is jammed open, you can push a potato up against it, give it a half-turn, and instantly shut off the flow of water. Spuds cut to size can be used to plug off hoses, drains, or valves, and when the emergency is averted and hunger sets in, make a cottage pie!

3 Pantyhose

And there you were, all this time thinking that pantyhose are only good for covering lady parts and hiding the identities of bank robbers. Guess again. Pantyhose are one of the best multi-purpose items to have on a boat. Should your engine's belt decide to give up the ghost, strap that pantyhose around the wheel, stretch it tight and tie a knot –



problem solved. Need something to strain your dirty fuel with? Or are you in need of an emergency filter? Perhaps a length of rope is required urgently? Pantyhose. Anglers will also benefit from a pair of ladies' delicates – stick those pilchards in a pair of hose, cut a hole or two and hang it over the side for an effective chum bag.



4 Bin bags

A role of black bin bags takes up very little space on board and could prove very useful in various situations. Apart from doing your part to save the planet by collecting your trash in bags instead of tossing it overboard, you can use these bags as raincoats – simply cut holes for your arms and head to improvise foul weather gear and keep your clothes dry. They can be used to help seal leaks, patch hoses, remedy ripped canvases, or to keep your valuables such as cell phones and other electronics dry in a rain storm. In case of an extreme emergency where you're lost at sea and freshwater is scarce, use bin bags to trap rainwater.





5 White vinegar

If you thought white vinegar's uses are limited to cooking, you'd be wrong. A valuable item to have on your boat, white vinegar comes in handy in a number of situations. Dab mosquito bites with a bit of vinegar to mitigate the itch, relieve the excruciating sting of a bluebottle or jellyfish by wiping vinegar on it, or apply it to burns to avoid burn blisters. When you're out boating on a cold day the windscreen will often frost up – avoid this by splashing on some vinegar before

you leave port. Also, should you ever experience the ill-fated quandary that is a clogged head, it just so happens that vinegar is an excellent drain cleaner. And, of course, in the ultimate culinary emergency of adding too much salt to the pot or if your concoction is too sweet, just add a little white vinegar to neutralise the flavours.

6 Duct tape

Forget the wheel, forget sliced bread, forget HD TV. Since the invention of the boat, duct tape is surely the greatest innovation dreamed up by man. It fixes anything and everything. You can practically build a ship with duct tape and it will do a job. We'll not even list all the uses of this roll of sticky genius as we're sure you're already well versed in its myriad applications.

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Master the Barge

WORDS BY RICHARD BROWN





Pontoon boats are rapidly gaining popularity in the leisure market and nowadays they come in all shapes and sizes and are built for an array of different applications. But they all have a few things in common that separate them from mono-hulled boats – things that you have to be aware of before getting behind the wheel.

Pontoon boats, also known as barges, are all the rage at the moment and boaters of every description including day cruisers, fishermen, watersport enthusiasts, and languid lake loungers, all seem to be buying into the idea. Pontoons are specially built for each application and can be further customised to suit the user's needs perfectly. But to operate one takes some getting used to, as they behave a little differently to what you might be accustomed to.

Departing

One has to take a bit more care when leaving the dock aboard a pontoon boat, as the wind becomes more of a factor when you sit on top of the water. Pontoons aren't fully submerged as a v-hull would be, therefore sitting atop the water and, along with the vertical 'fences' surrounding the deck, provide more resistance for the wind to grab onto. Being aware of this is crucial so that any gusts can be counteracted by sharp controlled blasts from the engine.

It's important to point your drive in the right direction before shifting into gear. Putting the boat in gear and then turning the wheel might cause problems. Keep navigating against the wind by redirecting your props and providing short engine blasts. Should you find it tough going, it is recommended that you try it in reverse. Once you get used to the wheel turning the other way, it might actually be easier as the boat's pivot point – the engine – is now upwind and will make it easier to combat any stiff breeze. Only open up the throttle when you're a good distance from the dock and away from other boats, swimmers or other water users.

Open water

Once you're clear of the dock, boats and other obstacles, accelerate slowly and steadily until you get on the plane. If you've operated any other outboard-powered boat you would know to trim down the engine to offset bowrise. Once you're on the plane you should trim your engine back up to attain the best fuel efficiency, more speed and more comfortable ride in general.

Don't trim it up too far, though, for you might see the boat become unstable, wander off course, lose speed or the prop will start shrieking. If any of this happens simply trim it down a few inches.

If you're new to boating you need to take it slow at first. After all, boats don't have brakes. Get a good feel for your barge before you

go tearing across the dam, and take time to establish the best and most efficient cruising speed. The manufacturer usually gives a minimum and maximum horsepower recommendation as well as a recommended cruising RPM. Try not to stray too far from these suggestions. Typically, the best cruising speed will be about three quarters of full throttle, meaning a boat with a maximum rating of 6 000 RPM should be operated at about 4 000 RPM. However, if the petrol bill is of particular concern to you – as it is to most of us – it is advised that you rein her in to about 3 000 RPM or soon after reaching planing speed.

Changing course

Once you're on the plane and cruising along happily you'll have to consider turning at some point as you're bound to run out of lake. Handling a barge in the turn is a bit different to what you might be used to, though. The pontoons mean that the boat won't bank inward as a mono-hull would, and will instead either bank outwards or stay flat – unless you have a tri-toon with the middle pontoon positioned deeper in the water than the outside two, which will cause it to bank inward.

First things first, before you make the turn check behind and around you for any boats trying to overtake or running alongside. When the coast is clear, warn your passengers of the impending turn and then turn the wheel smoothly – don't jerk

it or turn too sharply. Indications of too sharp a turn are a dramatic loss of speed and a howling propeller, which means the prop is sucking air instead of water and you either need to trim the engine down, lower your speed or ease out of the turn.

The outward banking of the boat might feel unnatural at first, but pontoon boats are generally very stable vessels and won't capsize easily. However, if you've entered a turn that threatens to flip the boat, simply slow down and redirect the drive.

Docking

After a successful first day on the water with lots of fun skiing, fishing or just cruising, you need to get your baby off the water safely. Docking, as with launching, should be done cautiously, always bearing in mind the wind factor on the pontoons. When entering the slip you should have sufficient momentum to overcome wind

and current to get you into the right position, but without using power. When you're near the trailer or dock, ease her into reverse to stop. However, before you engage reverse, make sure you're where you want to be, as once you've stopped you're again at the mercy of the wind and current.

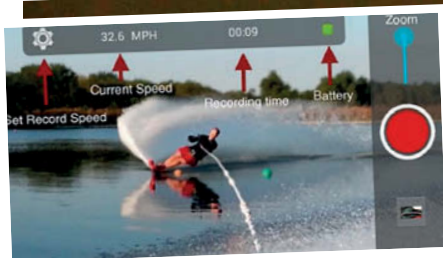
Pro tip: Always try to dock into the wind or against the current if possible, even if you have to pass by the slip to enter it from the other side. When the wind is at your back you have less control and might have trouble slowing down in time.

Ultimately, practice is the name of the game. When you've taken out your boat a few times and practised launching and docking, it will eventually become second nature and you'll start to develop instincts in the manoeuvring of your boat even if Mother Nature isn't playing nicely.

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Learning how to waterski properly in South Africa can often be a bit difficult as we don't have hundreds of ski schools and we don't all have access to top coaches that coach us through every set. We tend to ski with coaches for a week or two before skiing on our own again. With years of experience being coached and then coaching students, I have compiled a few tips on how to improve on your own.

Have a plan

It's always easy to go out and ski a set. But did you really learn anything? Did you take note of what was working well or not? Think before you go out. Take one or two key points and work on them for that entire ski set.

Don't worry about the score!

We are always worrying about our buoy count or slalom score instead of concentrating on technique. We are basically just "chasing buoys".

In order to improve, we need to take a step back and work on those slightly longer lines and easier passes in order get our technique

100% perfect.

It is easy to keep shortening up the rope but next time you go out for a set rather keep the rope where it is and run the same pass over and over.

Forget the score. If you improve your technique you will automatically increase your score.

Analyse yourself.

In today's world we always have a video recorder in our back pockets. Ask your buddy to film it on your phone or tablet so you can review your run.

When we have footage of what we are doing wrong, it makes it much easier

KZN MINI LEAGUE FEBRUARY 2015 – REPORT BACK

On 22nd of February of 2015, 24 skiers participated at the mini league held at Bird Valley Estate. Although a bit cold, the skiers were treated to glass water conditions.

OTHER RESULTS:

Mini League Winner:

Mercedes van der Merwe

League Winner: Georgia Vorster

Super League Winner:

Dylan Lowe

Qualifying League Winner:

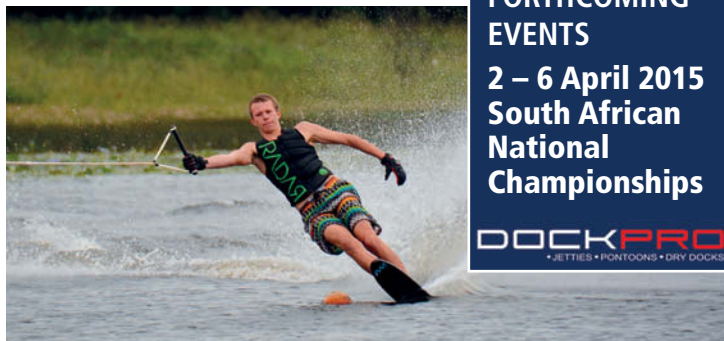
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to resolve the problem. Often we don't realise what we are really doing when we are skiing. This allows you to improve your technique a lot quicker as you have a better understanding of where you've gone wrong.

APPS AND MOUNTS

Have you ever wondered how the pro's do it? Imagine comparing yourself against Nate Smith, Chris Parrish, Freddy Kruger or your ski buddy? Now you can. There are some very good apps that will help you to do that. You'll be able to compare your video frame by frame with the top skiers' and immediately you'll be able to see how they do it and where you can improve.

WAKEYE MOUNT AND WAKE APP FOR SMARTPHONE

The WakeEye Mount is a lightweight carbon fibre camera mount that tracks the skier using any video camera or GoPro

and you are even able to connect your smartphone/tablet to it. It is great for travelling as it disconnects easily and it can be used with almost any boat.

Furthermore, the Wakeeye App is fantastic. You simply open the app and set the speed of your boat. Once the boat accelerates and reaches that speed the phone will start recording. This way you no longer have to click record as the phone will record automatically. To review/playback my video. There are numerous apps to play back slow-motion videos. I have recently started using an app called "Ubersense". You can either record from the app or import your videos from your Gallery/GoPro into it. You are able to tag passes, make notes and playback at up to 1/8 of the real time. You are also able to compare videos side by side and even overlay videos. This is definitely a must-have for any skier looking to up their game!

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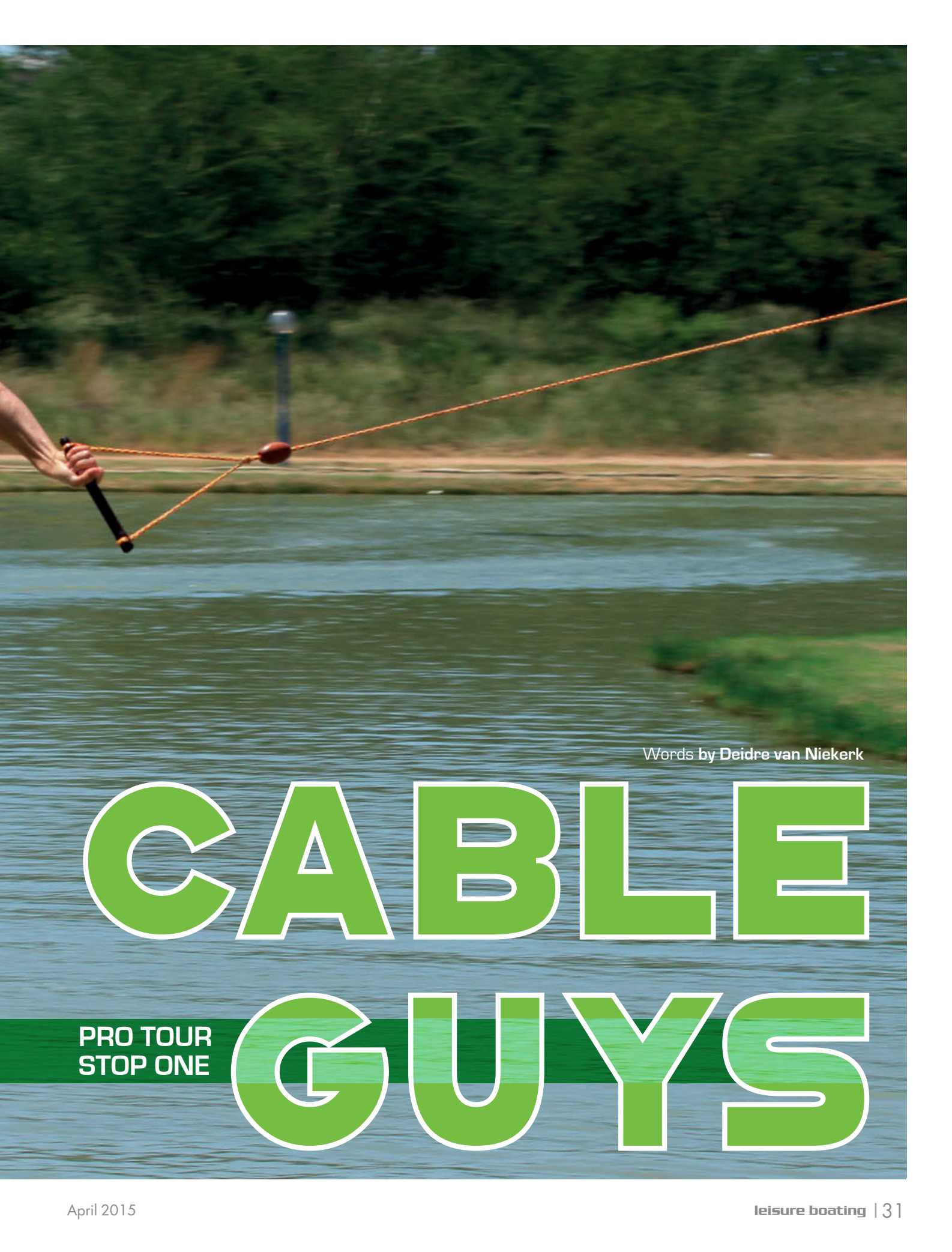
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Words by Deidre van Niekerk

CABLE GUYS

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Touring season is back in full swing and Warmbaths Forever Resorts were fortunate to see the riders at their first CASA Cable Pro Tour Stop 1 on the weekend of the 20th of February 2015.

The teams got out early Friday morning to set up branding and make sure obstacles were in place, but unfortunately by the time practice came around so did the foul weather. So with no practice runs under their belt the riders went straight into their qualifying runs on the Saturday.

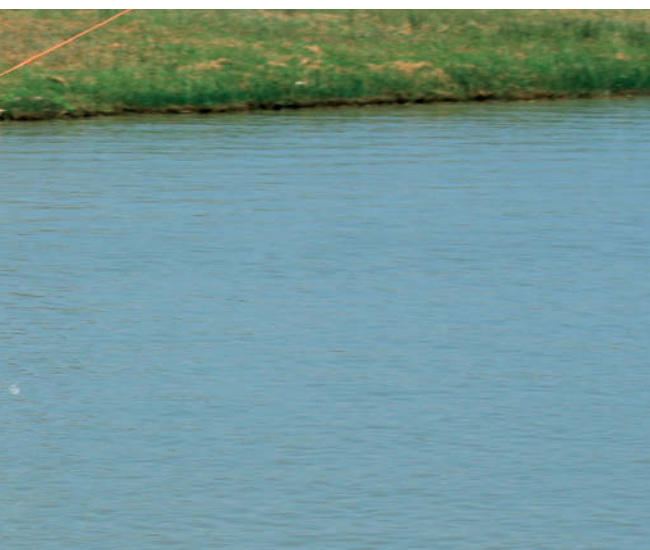
Saturday morning was a scorcher with the sun blazing and not a hint of a breeze. It was perfect. Right up until we received news from ESKOM about impending load shedding, which of course put the entire weekend's schedule into disarray – now it was a race against time with riders that had no practice time at all.

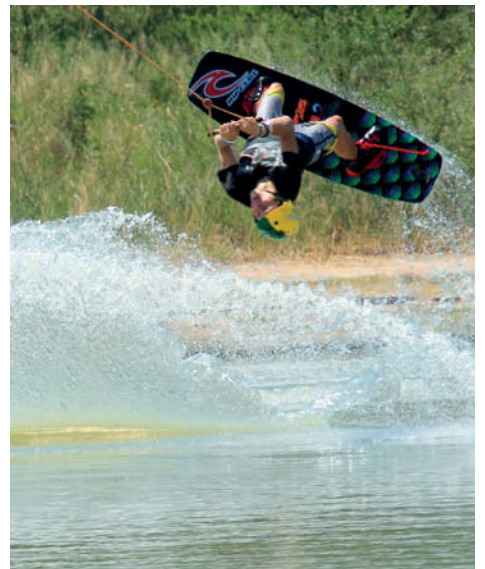
The Boys got flung into the water first and Sean Bacon, who is hardly ever seen on a wakeboard, kicked off proceedings and surprised everyone by making it look like he's always been a wakeboarder and not a wakeskater. Sean managed to lock in a second place behind Nikolai Coetzee who

showed these boys how it's done, and Liam Wootan, a very young and aggressive rider, took third.

Amateur Men lined the dock next with some new faces in the division. These men are truly fun to watch out on the water, as they don't seem to be quite as gung-ho as the youngsters anymore when it comes to trying tricks but yet they still go out to put up a great show. John Cleverdon seemed to confirm this on the water when he claimed the Chad award for the hardest crash, there seemed to have been a hole in the water that he tripped and fell into face first. Nonetheless, he still managed to walk away with a third place position next to Edi Bruckman who is new to the competition scene and owned that second place with Michael Milne in first place.

If there was one outrageously gifted division on the water it was the wakeskaters. It's been years since there has been a division of competitors that drive each other like these guys, and it showed. With Matti Buys off the water and in the Head Judge seat, there was a gap for new talent to take that number one spot and make it theirs and the lads certainly battled it out on







the water. Every shove you could possibly think of was on show; pops onto the rail; Big Spins; massive 180s floating off the kicker; it was a straight up, no holds barred dog fight.

It just seemed like there wasn't a trick these boys didn't have in their bag on the day. But if there was one rider that absolutely and undoubtedly deserved first place it was Darryn "Two-Step" Turner. His passion for the sport was clear for all to see and it paid off. Taking second place was Sean Bacon and following behind him Jacques Labuschagne.

The Ladies division also presented a new face on the water in Nicola Ostler who stood her ground and showed no fear in the competition and even owning it over the kicker at the end of her run leaving her in third place. A rider that hasn't been around for a while but whose class is undisputed is Bryanna Motepe who still looks as comfortable on the water as always with blind 180s that secured her second spot. This left Deidre van Niekerk who managed to secure first place with a Raley, and was also the only lady doing a high-end trick in her division.

After the Ladies it was time for the "real" men to come out and play in the Masters Division, which also have new faces that stepped into the division like Bradley Morris and Lukasz Imiolo competing against the 'true master' Justin Selby. One thing was for sure, Justin wasn't going down without a fight and clearly still has a few tricks up his sleeve throwing down back-to-back rolls, cleaning up on the rooftop and letting the others eat his spray. This man refuses to give up his first place and so claimed it for himself yet again. Bradley Morris came out guns blazing with some gnarly Front Flips securing his second

place and left Lukasz behind in third.

Saving the best for last, the Open Men didn't disappoint. This division is super tight leaves no room for error whatsoever. Jacques Labuschagne is on a level where he finds himself pushing more than ever to keep up with the guys, and he is doing just that. This is a kid with such talent and he will not back down out of a podium spot and he made sure he had some tricks to secure a third place behind Jeanu du Plooy. Jeanu might not be a textbook rider but this is what the game has come to – it's about style and this is one rider on the water that has more style than the majority. Floating tricks far out with grabs that involve extreme flexibility whilst going inverted is what got him to second. This left Justin Mitri sitting on the dock being the last rider on the water, knowing that he could easily walk away with first if his huge repertoire of tricks came off. No rider floats like Mitri into the air with Rolls, Switch Rolls, Raley-based tricks, Mobe tricks and more. He made sure that he was the unsurpassed wakeboarder on the water for the weekend and that's why he walked away with that number one place.

It was an eventful weekend with a lot of obstacles thrown at the committee and riders but nevertheless turned out to be a huge success. It wouldn't have been possible without the sponsors and major thanks must go to *Leisure Boating Magazine*, CTRL Board Co, Burn Industries, Rixen Cableways, Monster Energy, Warmbaths Forever Resorts, Supreme Icon Professional Photography and Videography and of course credit to the riders and committee members! We hope to see you all at the next stop! **LB**



RESULTS

Boys

- 1st Nikolai Coetzee
- 2nd Sean Bacon
- 3rd Liam Wootan

Ladies

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Amateur Men

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- 3rd John Cleverdon

Wakestate

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Masters

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- 3rd Lukasz Imiolo

Open Men

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- 2nd Jeanu Du Plooy
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What's SUP?

If you don't yet know what SUP is perhaps it's time to consider crawling out from under that rock you've been calling home. Stand Up Paddleboarding is trending hard at the moment and you need to get in on the action. But what board to get?

WORDS BY **RICHARD BROWN**



The type of board you buy will have a significant impact on the amount of fun you'll have. So try not to be overeager and buying the first, shiniest board you see when entering the SUP shop. There are a few factors to consider in deciding what SUP is right for you, and we're going to try and point them out to make your decision making easier.

Even though the sport is relatively new, there is already a multitude of different boards and different styles to choose from. It comes down to what you plan on using it for, but we'll get back to that. First, let's look at the four major board categories.

The most common board is the 'all-rounder' SUP. The retailer will probably recommend this board to you if you're a beginner as it 'can do everything' and is the cheapest option, but don't get too excited, as the all-rounder may be 'built for all styles' but is really good for none.

Next is the surfing SUP. This is a specialised stand up paddling surfing board which is built shorter, wider and therefore easier to manoeuvre in the swell. An all-rounder board will, for instance, not come close to the manoeuvrability that a surfing SUP offers.

Then you get touring SUPs or racing SUPs. These are built for straight-line paddling and can handle a bit of chop. They are built narrower and some of these even come with displacement hulls which means they have excellent tracking capabilities and can handle rough conditions. They are used for exploring, racing, or for fitness and can be taken out on the ocean. And, again, an all-rounder won't offer the speed or tracking that a touring board does.

And, lastly, inflatable SUPs. These are phenomenally convenient as they fit in your backpack and inflate to a full-sized SUP. They're made of hypalon and therefore inflate to become as rigid as any other SUP. You also get different styles of inflatables but these are mostly used for cruising or racing.

So, how to choose the right board for you?



ACTIVITIES

Firstly, you need to think about what you plan to do with your SUP. If you're a conventional surfer you're likely curious to try out a surfing SUP, and even if you're not a surfer you really should try this at least once. It's not nearly as hard as regular surfing and a truckload of fun. Or are you looking to try out a new way of working out? A touring board will let you cover the distance and is great for fitness training or, if you're the competitive type, will allow you to enter races. Perhaps you just want a board to mess about with, use as a swim platform or perhaps as a unique dais for yoga (this is huge among yogis at the moment, by the way).

However, if you think you'll want to try a spot of all of the above, you might need more than one SUP.

Surfing boards are great for tricky manoeuvres and cutbacks but don't track all that well. Vice versa, touring boards are made to go in a straight line and therefore won't be great for surfing. All-rounders, despite what their name suggest, aren't great touring boards and aren't quite as mobile as surfers – they're more suited to the 'messaging-about' end of the spectrum.



Courtesy of: Paddle Fit South Africa



CONDITIONS

Tying in with the above, your board should be fit for the conditions you plan to operate in. A surfing SUP is hardly suitable to track in a straight line, let alone doing so in adverse conditions with wind and chop. For this purpose you'll need a long, narrow touring board, preferably with a hull to be able to handle choppy waters and current. If you're only going to be paddling at a leisurely pace on flat, glassy lake surfaces, you might get away with an all-rounder, but you'll need to upgrade for anything more severe.

NUMBER OF USERS

SUPs are fairly expensive and chances are you'll probably be sharing yours with a loved one and compromises will need to be made. Your wife or girlfriend might fancy getting her zen on with some early morning yoga while you might want to aggressively paddle the entire length of the lagoon for exercise. Furthermore, you'll need to consider both users' weight, height, strength and so on in order to reach a compromise. Tip: save up and buy two. It'll most likely spare you much unnecessary bickering with your significant other. And, in the end, SUP is so much better when you have a paddle partner – on their own board.



Courtesy of: Moms on Board



WEIGHT, VOLUME, DENSITY

As mentioned, you'll need to take into account your body weight along with the weight of the paddle and whatever else you plan to SUP with – clothing, water bottle, life vest, etc. It's important that you get the board exactly suited to your weight, as an SUP too light to handle your weight will sink but one with more carrying capacity than you need will have you battling the wind unnecessarily. Volume also has an effect on windage. You want the board suited to your weight, but also the one with the least volume. However, volume will largely depend on the style of board you're getting. Compare boards of similar carrying capacity and look for the one with the least volume (usually displayed in litres).

Then, you will need to mull over and perhaps discuss with the sales clerk which construction and board density is best suited to you and your needs. Boards will vary but most are built with a core of closed-cell foam surrounded by other materials, and depending on the manufacturer, may include carbon, plastic, wood, bamboo, PVC or other materials. Other speciality boards may be hollow to save weight. The exterior is often either rotomoulded plastic which is heavy and cumbersome but more affordable; hypalon (inflatables); or epoxy which is super light but also super expensive. Consult your dealer as to what would be the best option for you.

LENGTH

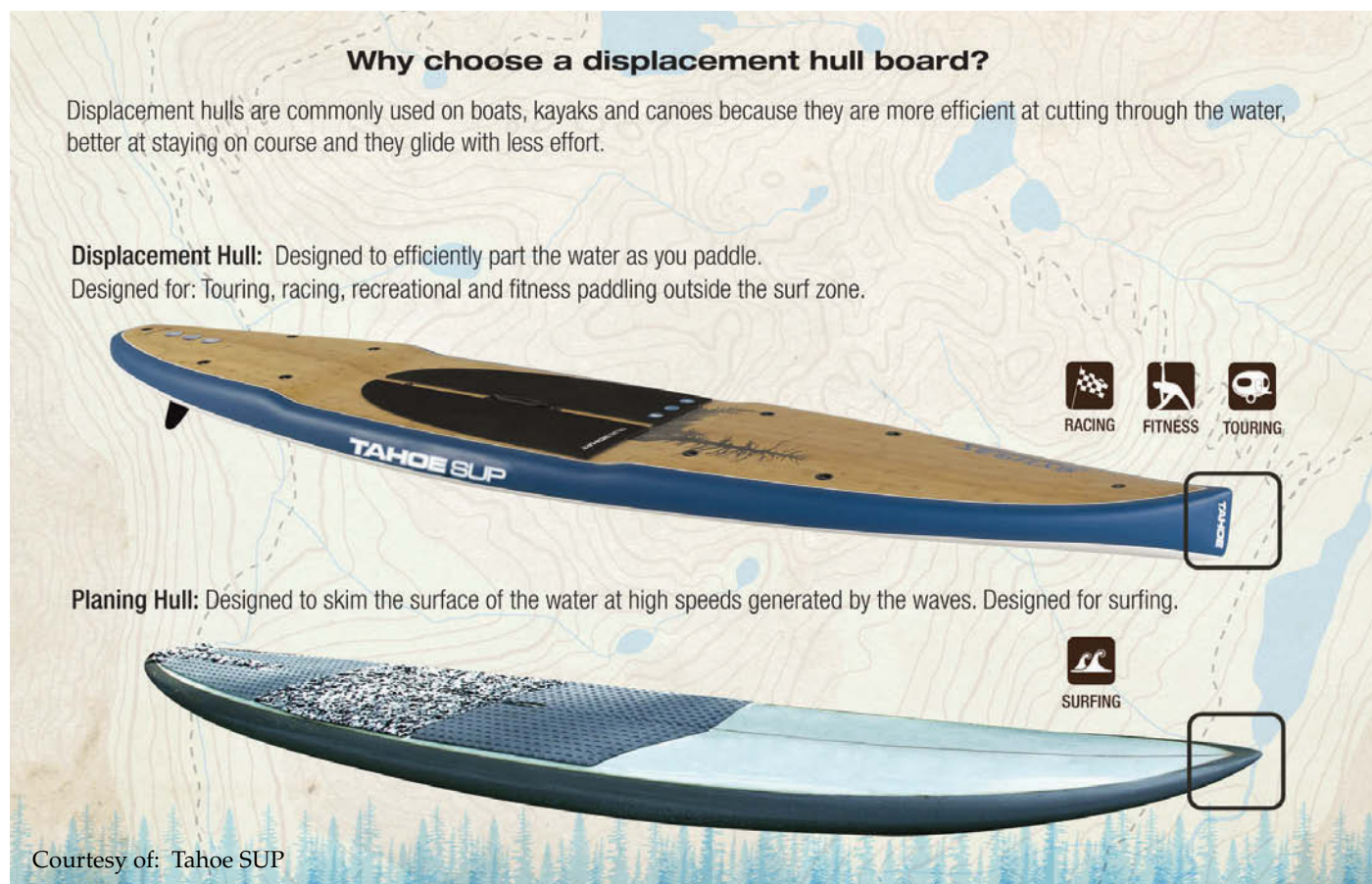
Along with weight and construction you'll need to factor in the length of the SUP. Most SUPs are between three and five metres

long. Boards between four and five metres are usually racing or touring boards while surfing boards are at the shorter end of the scale to increase manoeuvrability. The length of your board will therefore again depend on what you plan on using it for. Longer boards are faster but less mobile and harder to lug around, store, etc; while shorter boards are more portable, cheaper but slower on the water. To sum it up; having considered your weight, strength, height as well as the usage and speed you'd like to operate at, you should opt for the shortest board permissible.

STORAGE

The last question you need to ask yourself before making the purchase is where you will store it. If you live in a cramped little apartment in Sea Point where your bed is in your kitchen, an inflatable SUP might be best. If you do have space to store your rigid SUP, make sure it's not in direct sunlight. UV rays are particularly fatal to epoxy boards, but constant sun exposure will hurt any board. If you have no choice but to leave it outside, at least purchase a suitable cover that will reflect the worst of the UV and heat.

Now go get that SUP! It's a fantastic investment that will give you endless hours of fun on the water and improve your general health and fitness. Perhaps rent a few boards and test each one in the discipline it was built for to find out what you like best. People are even fishing off these things nowadays. The possibilities really do seem to be endless, so get on board. **LE**





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JOZINI

Jozini, a small town in North Eastern KwaZulu Natal on the main route to Mozambique, is synonymous with the dam of the same name – the Jozini or Pongolapoort Dam – and offers a huge array of attractions and activities.

This vast dam, on the Pongola River, provides a rather dramatic doorway into Maputaland, and the river supports a massive population of fish, hippos and crocodiles as well as the people who live in the area. The Jozini Dam, or Lake Jozini as it is popularly called, lies between the majestic Ubombo and Lebombo Mountains on the Elephant Coast and covers over 16 000 ha.

Although the dam was originally designed to irrigate over 80 000 ha of farmland supporting products such as sugarcane, rice, coffee and various sub-tropical fruits, Lake Jozini immediately became a popular destination for South Africa's fishing fraternity.

Many have compared it to Lake Kariba in Zimbabwe and it is fast becoming the mecca of not only fishermen but many wild game seekers, as farmers convert vast tracts of land around the dam back to their virgin bush in the bid to realise a dream to return this area to its former wildlife prosperity. The resemblance to Kariba is furthered by the dam wall which, at 89 metres high and 515 metres long, is quite an impressive sight.

Lake Jozini has become very popular as a Tiger fishing destination and because the dam borders with the Pongola Nature Reserve and Game Reserve, you can view wildlife from your boat and glow-flies light up the early evening shoreline, transforming the water into an incandescent array of fairy lights. The main attraction in this area is the return of the elephant.

But there are vast numbers of other game to be viewed, including buffalo, wildebeest, giraffe, zebra, kudu, bushbuck, duiker, steenbok, hyena, cheetah, wild dog, serval cat, warthog and even the occasional sighting of leopard, which roam the Lebombo Mountains.

The dam's muddy plains and reed banks are home to a vast array of birdlife, over 350 different species, including the whistling duck, yellow billed storks, Egyptian geese, herons, kingfishers and several fish eagles.

To experience Lake Jozini in all its splendour from the ultimate lap of luxury, the Shayamanzi Houseboat should be your first port of call, so to speak. From this beautifully appointed and comfortable houseboat you can soak up the scenery of the spectacular dam and its surrounding views and get the full African experience; from getting a rare look at the diversity of wildlife that frequent the shores of Lake Jozini to the thrill of catching Tiger fish. Incidentally, this is the only place in South Africa where one will get a chance to fight the notorious Tiger fish, and, like at Lake Kariba, there is an annual Tiger fish tournament held in October.

One can also book a guided rhino walk in the Pongola Nature Reserve to get up close and personal with those magnificent horned creatures that are so threatened of late. Or take it easy and sip on a cocktail while soaking up some rays on deck. There's even the option to sit back and relax in the spa bath after a long day of wrestling Tiger

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The N2 highway passes within a few kilometres of Lake Jozini making for easy access while travellers to the Nduma Game Reserve, the Tembe Elephant Reserve and Kosi Bay all pass through Jozini on the last leg of their journeys to the wilderness.

Although a comfortable distance from these destinations, the Mkuze Game Reserve is closer still, making Lake Jozini the ideal base from which to visit any or all of these attractions and still fit in some serious fishing!

Check out www.booking.com/Jozini-Accommodation for lodging options. **LE**



LEARN YOUR LINES, KNOW YOUR KNOTS



Rods and reels are naturally very important to an angler's outfit, but it could be argued that the most important bit, and the least discussed, is the line that is spooled onto and threaded through said reels and rods and how you utilise it.

WORDS BY RICHARD BROWN



Any fisherman worth his salt will tell you that the basics of successful fishing start with knowing what line to use in certain situations and how to tie it. Tying a half knot and expecting to land a fish with it will work about as well as using string cheese to catch tuna.

We'll discuss a few different lines one can use for saltwater angling and what knots to tie so that prize fish doesn't slip away.

Lines

Fluorocarbon

Fluorocarbon fishing line is very low in visibility due to its refractive index being very similar to water. It is therefore perfect for clear water and when targeting overly skittish species, and you can increase pound test without scaring away line-shy fish. It's a fairly sensitive line, it stretches little and has phenomenal abrasion resistance which makes it perfect for fishing over reefs, wrecks or rocks. An added bonus is that UV has minimal effect on fluorocarbon, unlike nylon lines.



Monofilament

Monofilament is easy to use, flexible, and has good knot strength. Its flexibility makes it easier to cast than stiffer lines and its stretch is forgiving in situations where you might set the hook too hard

or the drag sticks, as it will stretch up to 25 percent. It is often used for trolling, jigging or bait fishing and it can be spooled on smaller spinning reels as well. Mono sinks very slowly due to its neutral buoyancy and is therefore the preferred line for top-water or suspended sub-surface lures.



Braid

A thin yet strong, sensitive line, braid is made by weaving fibres of spectra, Dacron or other materials together. Braided line is super sensitive because it doesn't stretch. As a result you are able to feel everything happening to your lure, from it touching the bottom to light nibbles. It is incredibly strong which means you can downsize diameter without sacrificing tensile strength. The thin diameter also means you're able to cast much, much further. The only drawback is, despite its strength, it is not very resistant to abrasion because it is so thin.



Wire

If you're going to be targeting toothy fish, a wire leader is a must. Species such as snoek, mackerel, shark, barracuda, etc., will all be landed much easier with the help of a wire leader at the end of your line. Wire leaders come in many different forms and can be single or multi strand wire, coated or uncoated, made from stainless steel or titanium. Single strand is thinner and stronger but braided wire tends to bend easier for tying knots or when used as a main line.

Setting drag

Ideally, your drag should be set at about one third of the line's pound test. So when you're fishing with 30-pound test line, it would be advisable to set your drag at about 10 pounds. Hook a hand scale up to the line and pull on it. When the scale reaches the desired amount, tighten the drag.

Knots

So many different knots have been thought up over the ages that this magazine can be filled cover to cover with knot descriptions, but we thought we'd keep it down to four. Every fisherman will tell you something different when asked the question of what knot works best, but you'll just have to figure out what works best for you. Here are four to get you started.

Albright knot/Bimini Twist

When you have to tie two different lines of varying diameters together, the Bimini Twist is a winner. Begin by making a loop in the thicker line. Now run the lighter line through the loop and, holding the two lines between thumb and forefinger, wrap it back over itself as well as the loop. Then continue wrapping the lighter line over itself as well as the loop with 10 tight turns. Now feed the tag end back through the loop, slide the wraps on the thick line to the end of the loop and tighten.

Blood knot

Used primarily to tie two lines of similar diameters together. Start by overlapping the two lines and twisting one around the other five times. Feed the tag end back through the first loop between the two lines. Repeat the process with the other line, wrapping in the opposite direction and feeding the tag end through the same loop that the first line went through. Now pull the tag ends in opposite directions and the wraps will tighten towards each other.

Uni knot

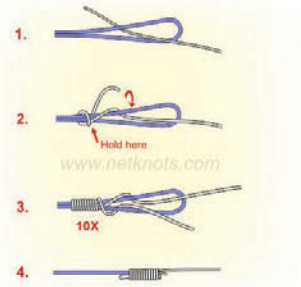
The simplest and most reliable knot when tying any line to hooks, swivels or snaps. Feed the line through the eye of the hook or swivel, run it back parallel to itself, then loop it back towards the hook by laying the tag end over the doubled line. Make six wraps around the doubled line and through the loop and pull tight, sliding the wraps down to the eye of the hook or swivel.

Dropper Loop

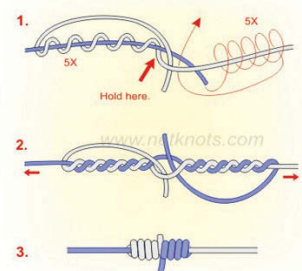
Ideal for attaching additional baits to a single line. Form a loop in the line where you wish to attach the additional hook. Now pass line from one side of the loop through the loop and make five wraps to create a new loop. Now push the bottom of the original loop through the opening of the new one and hold it there with your teeth. Now pull both ends in opposite directions until the wraps tighten and the loop stands out from the line.

These may sound more complicated than they really are. Sit with the magazine and try all four of them out following the instructions closely, then try them out without the instructions and before you know it you'll be tying knots like a proper old salt. Happy fishing! **LB**

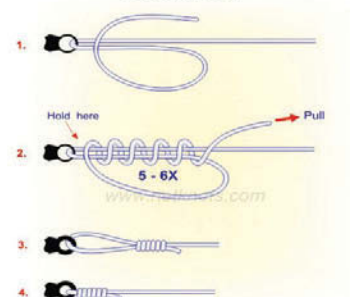
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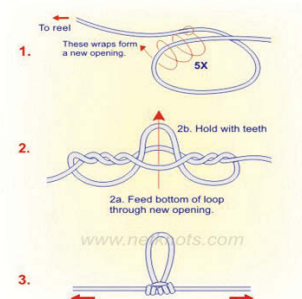
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JETSKI FISHING AT DASSSEN

Words by **Jeremy Johnson**
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This is what it is all about, bent rods and good times. Yamaha Pro Angler Jeremy Johnson and Chris Pike, owner of Tuckers Tackle, in their element at Dassen Island

With the PWC ban still in effect around the Cape Peninsula, I decided to get a couple of the guys from our newly formed fishing group, Cape Jetski Fishing, together and head up the west coast to Yzerfontein for a weekend's fishing at Dassen Island.

I had invited Chris Pike, the new owner of Tuckers Tackle in Diep River, to join me so it was only fitting that we stopped over at his shop to pick up some tackle. Chris and Tuckers have always been very supportive of jetski fishing and have recently partnered with Cape Jetski Fishing as the tackle and jetski fishing accessories store of choice.

One can comfortably drive up to Yzerfontein from Cape Town in just over an hour even if you are towing a boat or a fishing ski; and the nice thing about Yzerfontein is that you can bring the whole family along as well. There is plenty to do to keep the kids and the spouses busy and entertained during the day while the boys fish across at Dassen Island. There are lovely beaches and some really nice coffee shops and restaurants as well as some fantastic B&Bs, if you decide to spend the night. I would recommend staying at Villa Pescatori – you will be well looked after by the owners Niel and Angelique Basson. Make sure to give them a call on (022) 451 2782 and please book well in advance.

We arrived at the slipway in thick fog. Yzerfontein is known to be a difficult slipway for launching at the best of times because of the

surge, and adding fog to the mix can really make things interesting. There were six jetskis in total and everyone was raring to get out on the water. After helping one another launch, some advice was dispensed among a few of the less experienced jetski anglers, and we all decided that with our trusted Garmins on board we would be fine to find the island in the fog.

The plan was to go across to the island in convoy and make sure that we always stayed together. Tony had the Garmin 421s and I had my new Garmin 527xs GPS/Fishfinder with the chirp transducer, and both units were dead on target and after about 30 minutes we nearly rode straight into the island as the fog was still very heavy.

Our game plan was to troll up and down the Kalkoond area as the guys had caught our target species, Yellowtail, there the day before. Normally you sight fish for Yellowtail or follow the birds but because of the fog this was not an option and, because we wanted to rather play it safe, we decided to troll around on the calm side of the island in a group. Our trolling weapon of choice was a Shimano Trinidad 20A reel and a Beastmaster 6.6 ft rod with Sufix 30 pond XL braid. In terms of lures, lumo pink and yellow Rapalas were the order of the day as they had worked very well the week before, with the guys landing some huge Snoek and nice sized Yellowtail on them.

After a few hours the mist cleared and we were joined by a couple of ski-boats who were also trolling around the area. With

the skies now clear, we set off around the island to try and find some signs of birds but found none apart from one or two solo Sterretjies flying around. We were joined by a lone Heaviside dolphin which played in our bow wake for nearly an hour and was clearly not bothered by the ski at all – we even stopped and hoped that he would swim off but he waited for us to continue so that he could carry on playing in our wake. There was also a baby humpback whale swimming around very close to the kelp, and we later heard that this was in fact the same whale that was entangled in rope and some flotation buoys the previous day before being cut free by the NSRI – well done guys!

We all met up again in Huis Baai on the north side of the island for some lunch. Huis Baai is normally very calm with some lovely beaches and a jetty. If you ever go to Dassen Island, please stay off the island as one still needs special permission and a permit to actually set foot on the island. This place is largely untouched – I remember a few years ago I left my rod bucket on the jetty and when I returned two weeks later it was still there waiting for me!

After a peaceful lunch and good conversation we set off again to try and land a few big ones. Chris and I had seen some Yellowtail on the surface but other than that it had been very quiet. I was also very keen to jump in the water to try out my new Rob Allen Caranx 1.1-metre reel gun but the water was very dirty and the fishfinder was only reading about 13 °C which made me think twice. The good news is that I was happy to find out that if you take the spear out of the gun you can fit them both easily along with your mask, snorkel, weight belt and fins into the one of your Racetech Yamaha Tubby's.



Kennedy O'Brien giving us the thumbs up after some well earned lunch.



There were six Cape Jetski Fishing guys out for the day and everyone had a great time. This is in Huis Baai when all the guys came together to enjoy some lunch.



Yzerfontein is known for its commercial fishing fleet of big Cape Crafts. Here Jeremy Johnson and one of the commercial boats wait for their trailers.





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Things were really quiet but then all of a sudden Chris and I saw some Yellowtail break the surface right next to the kelp, so we decided to carry on trolling the Rapalas close to shore in about 10 metres of water while casting to the end of the kelp at the same time. I was trying out two new setups from Shimano; one was a Shimano Stradic 5000 reel and a 7.2 ft Terez medium/heavy rod with Sufix Power Pro 30 pound braid, and the second setup was a Shimano Saragosa 5000 reel and a Exage 8 foot spinning rod, again with Sufix Power Pro 30 pound braid. Both are beautifully smooth to cast with and both have an amazing retrieve.

After a few more hours we all decided to call it a day and head back to the mainland. With clear skies and a relatively flat sea, the guys were having a blast riding the following sea in. We all arrived safely and helped one another to get the skis off the water.

Yzerfontein Boat Angling Club is always very welcoming so I gave the chairman Eduardo a call and he invited us over for a late lunch and a nice cold beer. It was one of those very slow and at times frustrating days on the water with very few fish being caught - but I guess that's why they call it fishing and not catching!

After having something to eat and a nice cold beer at the club we all went our separate ways and headed back home. Everyone had a wonderful time and amazing days like these, spending quality time on the water, remind you – fish or not – why we love the ocean and jetski fishing so much! **LB**



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How to buy a pre-loved boat

How to make the purchase of a used (pre-owned) boat a good experience, and finding the boat that will give you and your family endless hours of pleasure on the water.



A used boat will cost less than a new boat and therefore if you choose the right boat first time you might just find some good value for your money, making it a wise investment. If you follow a basic set of guidelines, study all the pros and cons, and rather purchase from a reputable dealer than privately or online, there is every chance that you'll make your purchase a good experience, giving you and your family endless hours of pleasure on the water.

For instance, when purchasing a pre-owned boat from a reputable dealer, said dealer will ensure that the boat is registered in your name, free of any encumbrances, supplied with a current seaworthiness certificate (COF) in your name, and that all the documentation

pertaining to the vessel's flotation and seaworthiness as well as trailer registration, are present and correct. The other positive to consider when purchasing from a dealer is that you, as the consumer, are protected under the consumer protection act against material defects, and there is an implied six-month warranty, which you do not have when purchasing privately or online.

It is a common misconception that dealerships are more expensive when considering a pre-owned boat. The overall market which is way more powerful than all the dealers put together, will ultimately determine at what cost boats will change hands. It often happens that someone purchases a "bargain" online only to discover, sadly and more often than not too late in the day, that they could have

bought a later model, or an overall better boat package, free of defects for much less from a dealership.

Often when a vessel is purchased privately, it transpires that the boat does not have a flotation certificate, or indeed any form of flotation which essentially renders the boat useless in its condition. So what was supposed to be the start of a fun process turns into an expensive exercise, leaving you stranded with an inferior boat package when compared to the similar-priced 'ready to go' unit that you could have bought from a reputable dealer.

First appearances of a used boat are crucial, if it's dirty or looks a little shoddy, then that's just a precursor of what's under the hood, so rather just walk away, it's not worth the risk.



Honda Marine have made up a checklist which you can copy or just tick off in the magazine when inspecting a used boat.

If any of these items do not check out, rather give your nearest Honda Marine dealer a call and let them assist you in appraising the vessel. It might save you from a bad experience and help to ensure that your time spent on the water is filled with fun and enjoyment rather than disappointment. **LE**

Check the trailer for corrosion and cracks; also check the wheel bearings as there should be no play in the wheels. A new trailer can cost up to R30 000 depending on the size of the boat, so the condition of the trailer plays a very important role in your overall boat purchase.

Finally, before you arrive home with your new pride and joy, your used boat, make sure that you have your partner's full consent in making the purchasing decision. Rocking up at the house with something unannounced hitched to the back of your car could have unpleasant repercussions and potentially a few nights spent on the couch!

Is there a current manufacturer's flotation certificate for the boat?

If there are inspection hatches in the deck, check the timbers below deck for integrity, i.e. free of rot.

You must test a used boat on the water! Do not buy on a visual inspection only. Look out for all the obvious things – is she taking on water, how does the boat handle, are there any vibrations or rattles; essentially, just make sure that everything is working.

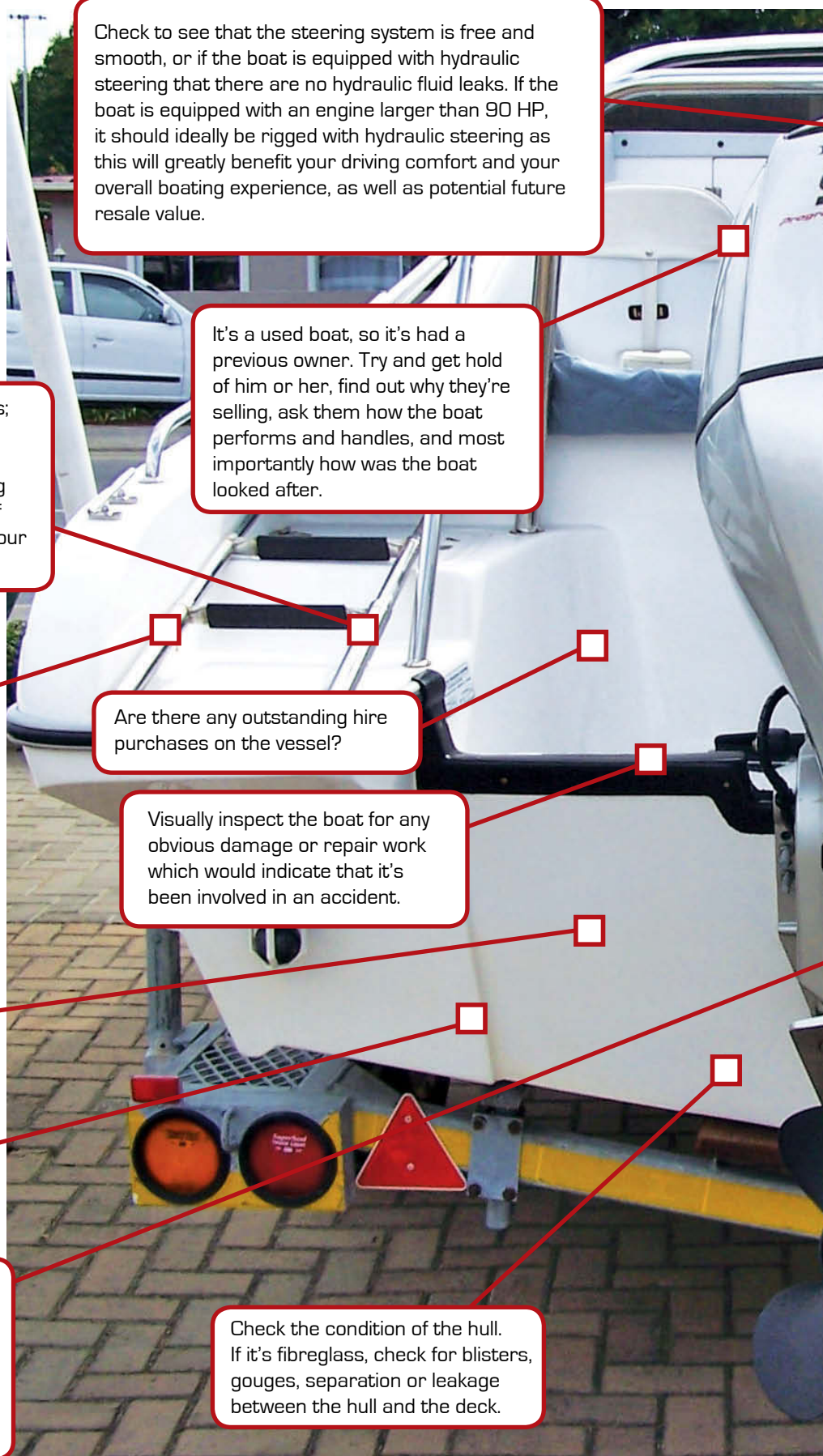
Check to see that the steering system is free and smooth, or if the boat is equipped with hydraulic steering that there are no hydraulic fluid leaks. If the boat is equipped with an engine larger than 90 HP, it should ideally be rigged with hydraulic steering as this will greatly benefit your driving comfort and your overall boating experience, as well as potential future resale value.

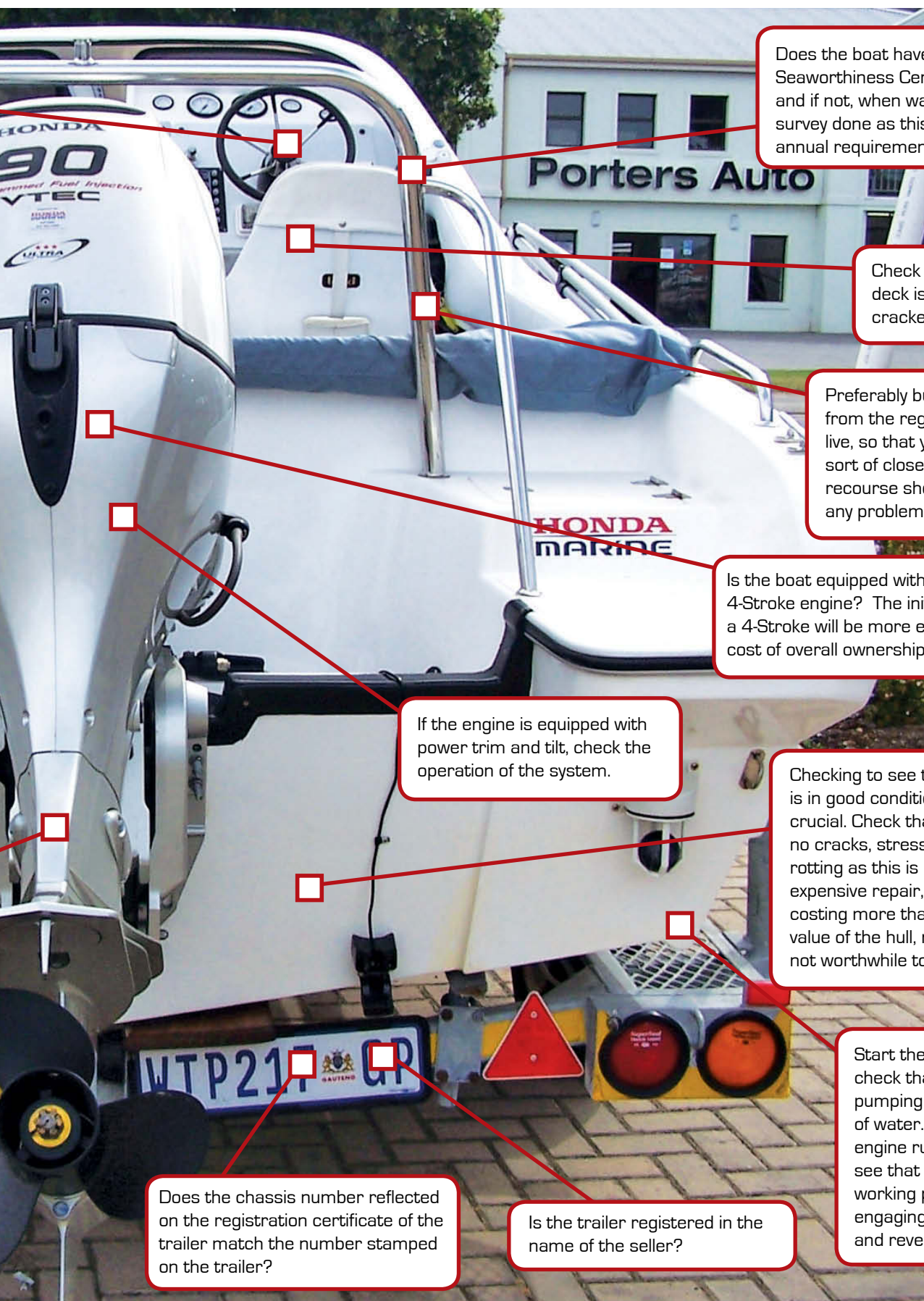
It's a used boat, so it's had a previous owner. Try and get hold of him or her, find out why they're selling, ask them how the boat performs and handles, and most importantly how was the boat looked after.

Are there any outstanding hire purchases on the vessel?

Visually inspect the boat for any obvious damage or repair work which would indicate that it's been involved in an accident.

Check the condition of the hull. If it's fibreglass, check for blisters, gouges, separation or leakage between the hull and the deck.





Does the boat have a current Seaworthiness Certificate (COF), and if not, when was the last survey done as this is an ongoing annual requirement?

Check to see that the deck is sound and not cracked and sagging.

Preferably buy a used boat from the region in which you live, so that you have some sort of closer proximity recourse should there be any problems.

Is the boat equipped with a 2-Stroke or a 4-Stroke engine? The initial purchase of a 4-Stroke will be more expensive, but the cost of overall ownership will be a lot less.

If the engine is equipped with power trim and tilt, check the operation of the system.

Checking to see that the transom is in good condition is absolutely crucial. Check that there are no cracks, stress fractures or rotting as this is potentially a very expensive repair, sometimes costing more than the actual value of the hull, making it not worthwhile to fix.

Does the chassis number reflected on the registration certificate of the trailer match the number stamped on the trailer?

Is the trailer registered in the name of the seller?

Start the engine and check that the impeller is pumping a solid stream of water. With the engine running check to see that the gearbox is working properly when engaging both forwards and reverse.



We have lots of winners and loads of action this summer. Take a look!



AMATOLA BASS CLASSIC (MAR 7TH – 8TH)

After a nail-biting overnight wait and another morning's fishing, Richard Watson (Western Province) was recently crowned winner of the Amatola Bass Classic 2015 at Wiggleswade Dam – hooking the jackpot R50 000 cash prize.

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A sealed weight (determined beforehand) will be revealed on Sunday night at prize giving and the fish closest in weight will be declared the winner of this fabulous new prize.

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Congratulations to Team Club Marine (Lyn Adams, Stefan Du Plessis, Mandy Webster and Mark Warner) for their third place in this tough event. Stefan's 386 kg Black Marlin was caught and released after 2.5 hours on day four. Results were based on time releases. A total of 80 anglers battled the rough conditions to haul in some Dorado bycatches and there were six Marlin releases.



MINI LEAGUE (FEBRUARY 22ND)

A great turnout of 24 enthusiastic waterskiers met at Bird Valley Estate for this exciting tournament.

Mercedes van der Merwe (11) from Hillcrest, in her first ever Mini League event, beat the field to the coveted top spot!

Up-and-comer, Georgia Vorster, ran the slalom course for the first time in a Mini League to achieve Most Improved Skier and she won the League Division overall.

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If you haven't tried it yet, let me tell you: it's a completely new way to get towed behind your boat or PWC. It's the clever combination of wearing a kite or surf harness, together with the patented WAKEBAR, that radically diminishes the tension on the waterski handle. Watersports lovers go crazy about it because it lets them ride longer, easier and more comfortably than the traditional alternatives. The CR WAKEBAR helps improve your posture and gives you better control while riding. Like a kitesurfer, you can easily hook in your harness through the WAKEBAR's chicken loop and get going! All that's left to do is for you to focus on having fun.

Now there's a new way of Tow Surfing! Some have found the enjoyment of using the

CR WAKE HARNESS to perform Surf 'n' Sail this summer, riding a surf or wakeboard attached to a beach catamaran. They wrote to us to say what a great feeling it was to have less weight resting on the board because of the high and steep hanging towrope attached to the mast. This way, they experienced much more control while remaining relaxed and enjoying their rides.

Right now is the right time to prepare your gear for the next summer season and include this fantastic system that will definitely change the way you do watersports. Why now? Cape Reamòl is offering an end of season promotion, but for a limited time only – if you buy the CR WAKEBAR or the WAKEHARNESS set, simply mention this article when purchasing and immediately receive a 20% discount and special shipping rates when ordered directly from the manufacturer.

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INNOVATIVE PRODUCTS

ON THE GLOBAL MARINE MARKET

Leisure Boating looks at a few innovative marine products from around the world designed to ease and improve your overall boating experience.

NEW TECHNOLOGY MAKES STABILISATION A REALITY FOR SMALL BOATS



Until now, owners of smaller boats put up with a rolling vessel in rough weather, or simply stayed ashore. With the recent launch of the state-of-the-art Seakeeper 5, they now enjoy the comfort and safety of gyro stabilisation.

Based on the same technology found in more than 2 000 larger Seakeeper installations worldwide, the scaled Seakeeper 5 reduces resonant boat roll by up to 90% on boats 9 m – 15 m. The unit uses a built-in computer to actively control a powerful gyro. Spinning in a vacuum environment, it produces powerful righting forces to stabilise the boat. While underway or at rest, the innovative unit dramatically lessens boat movement. And unlike traditional fins, nothing projects outside of the hull to diminish a vessel's performance.

Builders of smaller boats are quickly recognising the benefits Seakeeper delivers. Intrepid, MJM, Scout and several other leading brands are already offering the newly released Seakeeper 5 as standard or optional equipment.

MJMYachts first offered Seakeeper as standard on its 50z. "MJM

took an industry-leading role in making this technology standard," said Robert Johnstone, founder of MJMYachts. In response to strong positive feedback on the 50z, the gyro is now being offered on the company's 40z. "Once you know that such technology exists, you wonder why you ever put up with the discomfort of rolling before," noted Johnstone.

Scout Boats will debut its 420 LXF with a Seakeeper 5 as an optional feature at the Miami International Boat Show. "The gyro is going to add a lot of comfort for our buyers," said Alan Lang, Scout Boats sales manager. "It will definitely enhance the performance and overall ride of our boats."

Only a few years ago, Seakeeper was educating consumers and builders on the merits of gyro stabilisation. Now, with its newly revised line of five models, the company is bringing this innovation to the helms of small boats everywhere.

The Seakeeper 5 requires a mere 1 500 – 2 000 watts to operate, depending on sea state. Weighing only 358 kg, the unit is 0.765 L x 0.757 W x 0.628 H and can be installed off centreline. It is extremely quiet and nearly maintenance-free.

Seakeeper's OBX 345 Express caught much attention during its summer demo tour. "Demos aboard our OBX were extremely successful in pre-sales," said Andrew Semprevivo, Seakeeper VP of sales and marketing. "We sold 50 units before we even officially launched the Seakeeper 5."

The boat is currently in Florida where it introduces people daily to the comfort and safety of gyro stabilisation. It will continue to be available to the public throughout 2015 for sea trials along the US east coast. Contact Seakeeper at marketing@seakeeper.com or www.seakeeper.com.

FIBREGLASS STAIN REMOVER KEEPS SURFACES IN TOP SHAPE

Whether for spring cleaning or routine maintenance, boats usually need sprucing up before returning to the public eye. Davis Instruments' Fibreglass Stain Remover (FSR) is a unique stain absorbing gel that serves a variety of purposes both ashore and afloat.

Ideal for removing oil, rust, exhaust, waterline and transom stains, FSR also works with stainless steel stanchions and railings. It's excellent for getting rid of rust bleeders from the hull or deck. FSR eliminates these smudges from clothing, sail cloth and other fabrics, too. This

blue gel can be used anywhere fibreglass imperfections appear, including in shower stalls, spas and on furniture.

Its non-abrasive quality means that it's safe to use on white painted surfaces as well as on gel-coat. No sanding or compounding is required. Users just simply apply FSR with a brush, sponge or cloth. Then, after a few minutes, they can wipe it off or rinse. Users can repeat as needed for stubborn stains. Contact Davis Instruments at euro@davisnet.com or visit www.davisnet.com



SURFACE-MOUNT PUSH POLE HOLDER DELIVERS EASY INSTALLATION

Every 'do-it-yourselfer' appreciates an easy-to-install product, and Accon Marine's 710 Surface-Mount Push Pole Holder is no exception. No cuts are needed to mount this sleek piece of hardware.

Bringing a touch of style aboard, the 710 Push Pole Holder only requires three #10 screws. Owners can simply install the holder directly on the deck or other surface.

Constructed from marine-grade 316 stainless steel and UV-resistant glass-filled nylon, this push pole holder is built for years of service. It also folds down flush when not in use to avoid tripping. Three push pole holders are recommended for optimum pole stability.

The Accon name has been associated with superior quality precision metalwork for over 30 years. The family-owned company manufactures a full line of innovative flush-mounted deck hardware, including Pop-Up cleats, lifting cleats and navigation lights.



UPDATED ICEMAKER FEATURES STREAMLINED, MODERN LOOK



Every appliance is an opportunity to increase the beauty, flair and comfort of a boat's interior. The redesigned Icer-Ette from Raritan offers more unique features, style and convenience than before, better enhancing indoor environments. It's also the only marine icemaker specifically created and constructed for the rigors of harsh conditions, such as sun and saltwater air.

Improved controls deliver more efficient operation. This icemaker's cabinet and door are made to last. Corrosion-resistant, marine-grade hardware, hinges, fittings and a copper condenser add further protection.

A positive catch latch keeps the door closed, enabling maximum ice production and keeping harmful bacteria and moulds out. The Icer-Ette's built-in door prop lets users manually defrost or air dry the unit when power is off.

It produces up to 9.5 kg of ice every day using only 10 litres of water. This icemaker also stores up to 5 kg of crescent-shaped cubes in its removable bucket.

Designed for easy installation, no drain is required, just a 6.3 mm outside diameter water line, simplifying the process and lowering expenses. Raritan's

Icer-Ette needs no additional hinge clearance for door swing or side space for ventilation and it comes with a flange for recessed mounting.

The updated 87 Series is available in 115/230V versions. All units are CE certified, while the 115V model is also UL and cUL listed. It's backed by a one-year limited warranty and a legendary technical support team. Contact Raritan at info@raritaneng.com or visit www.raritaneng.com



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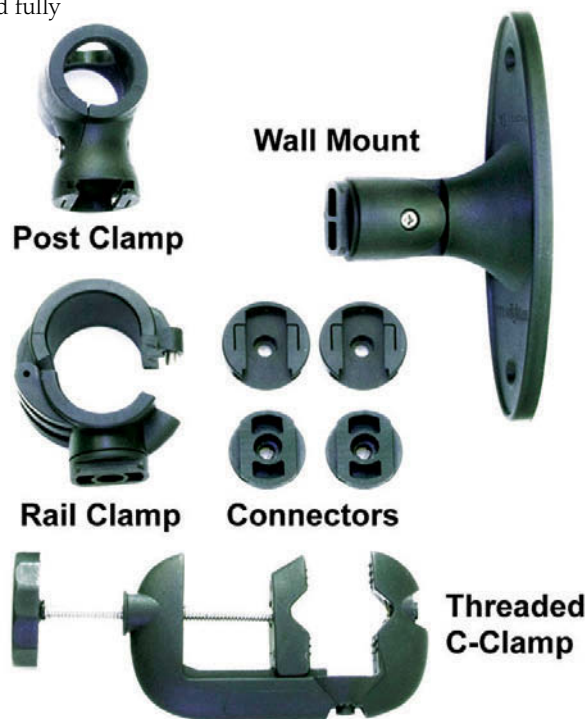
It's great to add lighting without drilling holes, running wires or worrying about draining batteries. The RailLight from Davis Instruments provides up to eight hours of illumination on a full charge, brightening boats, homes, decks or areas around pools and fountains. Fully marinised, it automatically turns on at night and off during the day.

The RailLight comes in two models, Mini and Premium. The Mini has two LEDs with an on/off switch, while the Premium version has four LEDs and a high/low/off switch function.

Both models use FastSolar™ technology which recharges the internal battery in overcast and cloudy conditions. Even when the switch is in the off position, the battery continues charging. Each light features a stainless steel cap and post, UV resistant polycarbonate lens, nylon mount fittings, waterproof switching and fully sealed electronics.

RailLight is ideal for mounting on boarding steps, ladders, biminis, awnings, dock posts, walkways and picnic tables or near dock lockers, utility boxes, BBQs and swim platforms. They can easily be taken ashore for nights on the beach. If the boat loses power, the RailLight can serve as an emergency light or signal beacon. It floats if dropped in the water.

The Premium model comes with a complete QuickMount system, allowing it to be installed three different ways. The rail mount hardware can be used on any round railing from 17 mm to 32 mm in diameter. The surface mount can be installed vertically or horizontally, while the threaded nylon c-clamp can be clamped to any wooden rail, table, tender or chair arm up to 51 cm thick. The QuickMount system can be purchased separately for RailLight Mini, which only includes mounting hardware for round rails from 17 mm to 32 mm in diameter.



Also, three rubber shims come with both models to allow tight fittings. Contact Davis Instruments at euro@davisnet.com or visit www.davisnet.com. **LE**



NEW 2015 RIVIERA 50 ENCLOSED ARRIVES IN AFRICA SOON!

The talk of the town in prominent angling circles is the arrival of the luxurious new Riviera 50 Enclosed in May, which is destined for Richards Bay, South Africa!

This is the one packed to capacity with features high on the lists of sport fishermen which the Australian manufacturer has not only heard but taken to heart.

After years of consulting with their clients at special forums, Riviera has produced a craft worthy of praise. Every inch has been carefully designed to meet anglers' needs from extra rod and fish storage, well-placed toe kicks to the extra helm at the rear of the flybridge – to mention but a few.

Docking in Durban, her maiden voyage will take her up the East Coast to her permanent home in Richards Bay – the playground of billfish and big game fishing.

Powered by twin Volvo IPS 950 Diesels (725 HP), the 50 Enclosed Flybridge is expected to cruise between 25 and 28 knots and deliver a range of 400 nautical miles. Once safely there and showing off on her moorings, she won't fail to turn heads. Hot on the gossip list will be her new design from the keel up giving her a sleek, modern appeal.

The Riviera 50's new owner has had her kitted out for absolute fishing success. The electronics list reads like a book and includes GPS, Chirp and down vision sounders, fish attracting underwater lights and much more. There's an abundance of rod

holders, spreader and central outriggers and cleverly concealed storage for rods in the most unexpected places.

A quick peak under the beds exposes the hideaway of five to six heavy tackle rods with another three or four rod spots in the companionway lockers.

The huge flybridge is probably the most popular spot on board with excellent communication between skipper and crew in the cockpit (only three sides are enclosed) – essential when backing up to a billfish.

A clever addition is the second control station (in addition to the forward helm) mounted on the aft rail of the bridge – another great vantage point.

The expansive cockpit is specially geared with rod holders, a tournament fishing helm with joystick engine control and autopilot, and there's even a spot for a fighting chair. Toe kicks have been fitted into the side lockers for comfort and extra safety when leaning over to fight a big fish.

Fish storage is well catered for thanks to a large fish box fitted into the cockpit floor, a live bait tank with window in the transom alongside and bait prep station under the lift up lid. Four tackle boxes are also found in the transom locker. These are just a few of too many features to mention.

Once the fishing's done there's endless alfresco living space in which to relax with wonderful amenities to keep anglers replenished and comfortable. Up to ten people can be seated inside should the weather turn – the ideal spot for dissecting each moment of the day.

Below decks is a choice of three very equally generous sized staterooms with inviting beds for overnighting or simply taking a break.

Boating World's Derrick Levy and his team are expecting loads of calls once anglers catch sight of this stunning Riviera 50 on the water!





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 **MERCURY**

EXCITING 21 SPX NOW AVAILABLE

Sea Ray's second model in the SPX line, the nimble and stylish 21 SPX, is now available from Boating International. Available in both sterndrive and outboard configurations, this sleek performer is a champion in terms of space, comfort and configurability.

At 21'6" long with a standard 220 HP MerCruiser® 4.3L MPI Alpha 1 sterndrive or 150 HP Mercury® EFI Four Stroke outboard engine, the 21 SPX is designed for incredible ease of use and natural flow of conversation, thanks to an expanded cockpit design and noticeably deep freeboard. Sea Ray's new five-year bow-to-stern warranty and class-leading limited lifetime hull warranty offer additional peace of mind.

"The beauty of the SPX Series is not only in the cutting-edge design, impeccable craftsmanship and stellar performance, but also the accessible price point," said Sea Ray President Tim Schiek. "We're excited to offer the 21 SPX in



both sterndrive and outboard configurations to cater more specifically to a variety of markets."

The 21 SPX features a large, full-beam swim platform and, on outboard models, an aft sun pad as well. Storage space is abundant and is located right where you need it. Boarding from the water is easy thanks to a stainless-steel four-step swim ladder. Available in a wide array of hull colours and with multiple graphics options, the 21 SPX boasts eye-catching style to match its performance attributes.

Opportunities to personalise the SPX extend well beyond aesthetics: the 21 SPX offers three optional packages that make it simple to fit the boat according to usage style and preferences. The Comfort Package carries Sea Ray's most popular upgrades, including a flip-up bolster helm seat for easy driving and snap-in carpet in the cockpit. For anglers, the AllSport Package features a trolling motor, live well, two casting chairs and easy-access rod storage. And for watersports enthusiasts, the Elevation Package will quench

any thrill-seeker's thirst with a wakeboard rack and SeaDek® swim-platform matting for easy boarding.

"The 21 SPX simplifies the boating experience in all the right ways, without sacrificing anything in terms of performance or style," said Schiek. "It's an exciting addition to the Sea Ray line-up and we're thrilled to expand the possibilities for boaters in 2015 and beyond."





FUCHS POWERS MARC GLEED IN TRANS AGULHAS CHALLENGE



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Marc Gleed recently participated in the 2014/2015 Trans Agulhas Inflatable Power Boat Challenge over a 900 km route from Plettenberg Bay to Strand.

During the race the team's waterpump intakes were blocked by kelp, causing severe damage to the engine. However, due to the Silkolene oil the engine didn't overheat or cease to work and despite the damage he was able to finish the race.

"Using the Fuchs Silkolene Pro 2 SX oil offered a low wear rate and increased engine performance. We found a significant reduction in carbon build up and found an oil residue covering all of the engine internals when disassembled, fully lubricating the engine parts," said Marc Gleed of Team Marine Excel.

John Anderson, Automotive and OEM Manager, Fuchs Lubricants South Africa, said Fuchs Silkolene Pro 2 SX oil is a fully synthetic, 2-stroke premix racing engine oil containing Electrosyntec technology. "It utilises aerospace technology to give the ultimate in lubrication and engine protection and maintains film strength at high temperatures. The lubricant is resistant to ring-sticking and plug fouling problems, helping to maintain full output for the life of the motor. It also combats varnish and carbon deposits on and below piston rings to prevent ring sticking and provides more efficient ignition."

"Because Silkolene Pro 2 SX oil forms a seal between the cylinder, piston and ring, it enables the engine to produce optimum power throughout the rev range. It extends engine life, virtually eliminates small-end pick-up and has been known to double crank life of the motor in certain applications," he said. **LB**

BOAT CLASSIFIEDS

Riviera 37 **R3 300 000**



Twin Volvo D6 370 HP, fuel capacity of 1 400 L, sleeps 4 – 6 people, outriggers, rod holders, teak laid cockpit floor & side steps, live bait tank in transom, icemaker fitted to saloon bar, swim platform & ladder, autopilot, Raydome, GPS fish finder. Contact Wayne of Boating World on 083 324 4630

Fairline Squadron 42 **POA**



Twin Volvo D6 435 EVC-D 435 HP each, fuel capacity of 996 L, sleeping 6 people, full galley, underwater lights, air conditioning, random teak floor to saloon, 19" flatscreen TV with video iBoat dock system, spacious flybridge with cockpit table, dual helm station, 2 heads main cabin en-suite, teak swim platform, Lowrance electronic units. Contact Derrick of Boating World on 082 881 2607

Triton **R799 000**



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SUNSPORT 2150 **R419 500**



260 HP MPI MerCruiser. Wake tower with racks, 2 x sun canopies, Lowrance X4 fish finder, 12v/24l cooler, only 59 hrs. Mooring cover and boat cover, Sony marine sound system, cocktail table a pole, double axle trailer with spare wheel. Contact Boating International JHB on (011) 452 8280

14 Odyssey 650 **R529 500**



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Fairline Targa 48 Open **POA**



New 2015 latest Fairline Targa 48 Open model comes with Twin Volvo Penta 435 HP engines, touch button retractable sliding roof top, hydraulic swim platform, IPS Pod Ddrives, 3 year comprehensive warranty, Williams Jet 285 RIB. Contact Derrick of Boating World on 082 881 2607

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Ranging from 37 - 55 foot, the Fountaine Pajot power yachts are top class catamarans, incredible yachts with contemporary design, the luxury catamaran is specifically designed for perfect seaworthiness and equal comfort and stability. Contact Derrick of Boating World on 082 881 2608

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Fountaine Cruiser 38 **R1 950 000**



Twin MerCruiser 496 Bravo 3 drives, Genset 220V, air conditioning, full galley, Furuno GPS, radar arch with forward and aft bimini, 2x full set of cleats to enclose cockpit area, hot and cold water, seating in saloon with table – converts into sun bed, wet bar with sink and ice maker. Contact Wayne of Boating World on 083 324 4630

Cranchi 40 **R2 550 000**



Twin Volvo 370 HP engines, sleeps 4-5 people, 1 000 L fuel capacity, teak cockpit, upper and lower helm stations, GPS and auto pilot, teak laid cockpit floor, stainless steel gas braai on swim platform, comfortable L-shaped lounge in saloon with high gloss cherry wood table. Contact Greg of Boating World on 078 544 7668

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